in the North-Eastern region due to militancy/terrorism.

(b) To control terrorism in the North-Eastern States, the Government is taking various steps which *inter alia*, include deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the States, coordinated action by Army, Para military forces and the State Police Forces for counter militancy operations, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Governments and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Forces, etc. Regular review of the situation both at the level of State and Central Government is also being made.

Terrorism in NER and J&K

1106. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorism in NER and Jammu and Kashmir differ significantly;

(b) if so, how;

(c) if not, the reasons for not adopting equal international efforts to combat terrorism in North-East India; and

(d) the efforts and achievements to desist Bhutan and Bangladesh from harbouring terrorists operation in Indian soil from their territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (d) While the terrorism in J&K is sponsored by Pakistan, in the NE region it is mainly attributed to militants having roots in the States in the NE Region. Some militant groups receive assistance/shelter in neighbouring countries. The issue is regularly taken up on bilateral basis with these countries. The matter of terrorist camps in Bhutan and Bangladesh has been taken up time and again by the Union Government with the Governments of these countries at diplomatic level. Bangladesh has repeatedly stated categorically that it will not allow its territory to be used for terrorism or against the interests of another friendly country. Similarly, the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGB) have been

engaging Indian terrorist groups of ULFA and NDFB in talks for quit sometime and pressurizing them to leave Bhutan, as a result of which 4 of its camps have reportedly been closed down by ULFA in 2001.

Activities of SIMI in Assam

1107. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of press reports published in some vernacular dailies of Assam that posters of Bin Laden had appeared in border areas of Karimganj district of Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that banned students outfit SIMI have members in many areas of Assam;

(c) if so, what steps are taken in this regard;

(d) whether any report has been submitted by Assam Government or has the Centre asked the State Government of submit report regarding activities of SIMI in Assam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Property tax dues of Government Institutions to MCD

†1108. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of the MCD is to be paid as property tax by the various institutions of the Government;

(b) if so, the total amount due to be paid and the institutions against whom the same is due indicating the time from which the same is payable alongwith the institutions that owe maximum amount;

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